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MEDICAL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR, 1925.

Area of District in Acres	8738
Population, Census 1911	3919
Population, Census 1921	4639
Corrected Population 1921	4570
Estimated Population 1925	4609
Number of inhabited houses	1359
Number of families or separate occupiers	1387
Rateable Value	£36,644
Sum represented by 1d rate	£142.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Births during year 1925	Males 37) Females 34)	71
Births legitimate	Males 36) Females 34)	70
Births illegitimate	Males 1) Females 0)	1
Deaths during 1925	Males 28) Females 29)	57

Annual rate per thousand of estimated population

Birth Rate	15.75
Death Rate	12.64
Zymotic Death Rate	.44
Enteric & Diarrhoea	.22
Phthisis death rate	1.10
Respiratory death rate	.88
Infantile death rate per 1,000 births	42.2.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Of the 57 deaths that took place in the area during 1925 the following list give the principal causes:-

	Males.	Females.
Whooping Cough	1	0
Influenza	1	2
Meningococcal Meningitis	1	0
Tuberculosis of Respiratory system	4	1
Other tubercular Diseases	1	0
Cancer and malignant disease	3	0
Diabetes	0	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	1	2
Heart Disease	3	5
Arterio Sclerosis	3	3
Bronchitis	1	1
Pneumonia	1	1
Diarrhoea	0	1
Nephritis (acute and chronic)	1	1
Congenital deformity and premature birth	1	0
Suicide	0	1
Other deaths by violence	1	0
Other defined diseases	5	10
	28	29 Total 57

The District remains chiefly agricultural and residential for those employed in the City of Sheffield.

There has been no excessive or unusual mortality during the past year and there have been no serious epidemics.

A District Nurse is employed by the Council in Dore and Totley throughout the remainder of the district all nursing is carried out by private nursing. No Midwives are employed by the Council, this also being done privately.

As before Tuberculosis cases are sent to the Tuberculosis Clinic at Chesterfield. Non-infectious cases are admitted to Ecclesall Infirmary and the Sheffield Hospitals.

Whenever possible infectious cases are sent to Dronfield Isolation Hospital. Both these institutions provide ambulances when required.

The Schools are regularly inspected by the School Medical Officers.

The following infectious cases were notified during 1925:-

	Cases notified.	Sent to Hospital.
Diphtheria	1	1
Scarlet Fever	14	11
Pneumonia	3	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	0
Erysipelas	1	0
Varicella (locally notifiable)	7	0
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	12	4
Tuberculosis non-pulmonary	1	1

Huts were provided for two cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

There were no cases of Smallpox, Typhoid, Puerperal Fever or Encephaltis Lethargica.

All laboratory work such as milk inspection, sputum examination etc, are sent to the County Laboratory, Derby. By special arrangements urgent specimens such as diphtheria swabs are sent to Sheffield University.

Antitoxin for diphtheria is supplied by the Council.

The Public Health Staff remains as before, viz:-

Medical Officer of Health (part time)
Sanitary Officer.

Scavenging.

This is still carried out by contract and works quite satisfactory.

Water.

The whole district is supplied by Sheffield Main Water Supply, except for isolated farms and a group of houses on the main Road to Dronfield at Lowedges. This supply is ample in winter, but inadequate in hot weather. The subject of this supply had again been raised and the matter will probably be settled shortly as much building is going on in this area, plans for 72 houses having been already deposited.

A standpipe has been erected on the Meadow Head Allotments, where there are a number of temporary and permanent buildings, this is from the Sheffield main water supply.

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Drainage.

The main sewer from the village of Greenhill to Abbey Lane is now completed and one of the roads of the Allotments is drained. Negotiations have taken place for the drainage of the other two roads on the allotments, also a scheme for draining Totley has been considered.

Schools.

No schools have been closed on account of epidemics.

All infectious cases whenever possible have immediately been removed to hospital and the dwellings disinfected.

Vaccination.

The number of vaccinations remain about the same as former years.

Housing.

The Council have since January 1925, decided to pay subsidy under Housing Act, 1923 and a number of houses have been erected.

The number of houses erected during 1925	85.
as part of municipal scheme	Nil.

UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES.

Inspected for housing defects	19
Unfit for human habitation	4
Number of houses not in all respect fit for habitation	19
Number of houses rendered fit by informal action of local Authorities	14
Number of houses in respect of which notices have been served requiring defects to be remedied	15

There have been no cases of lead poisoning in this district.

There are also no factories requiring inspection.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

Norton Rural Sanitary District, 1925. - Edward A. Sampson.

Area of District - 8738.acres. Estimated number of Houses 1359.

New houses erected 1925:- (a) under housing scheme 0
(b) by private enterprise 85

HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING.

No. of houses inspected for housing defects - 18.
No. unfit for habitation - 4.
Two closing orders were made but not enforced owing to scarcity of houses.

Has a scheme been prepared - No.

DRAINAGE.	No. of informal notices served by Sanitary Inspector.	No. of legal notices served by Local Authorities.	No. of nuisances abated with or without notice.
No disconnection of waste pipe	1	-	1
Defective waste pipe, traps, inlets and drains	6	1	6
Drains obstructed	5	-	5
CLOSETS AND ASHPITS.			
Defective privies, pail closets and ashpits (not for conversion)	-	-	-
Conversion of privies into W.C.'S	2	-	2
Conversion of pail closets into W.C's	-	-	-
Conversion of privies into pail closets	6	-	6
Defective water closets	-	-	-
Provision of additional water closets	-	-	-
Provision of portable ashbins	-	-	-
Dirty closets	-	-	-
OTHER DEFECTS.			
Paving of courts and yards	-	-	-
Roofs, eaves-spouts and down-spouts	2	-	2
Sinks	-	-	-
Insufficient ventilation	-	-	-
Windows	-	-	-
Dampness	3	-	3
Water in cellars	2	-	2
Water supply	3	-	3
Overcrowding	1	-	1
Foul condition of houses	2	-	2
Offensive accumulations	-	-	-
Animals improperly kept	1	-	1
Pigsties	-	-	-
Smoke nuisances	-	-	-
Urinals	-	-	-
Nuisances not specified above	2	-	2
	36	1	36

	Number on Register	Inspections made	Notices served	Nuisances abated with or without notice.
Dairies, cowsheds and Milkshops	-	-	-	-
Bakehouses	2	4	-	-
Slaughterhouses	1	4	-	-
Offensive trades	-	-	-	-
Common Lodging-houses	-	-	-	-
	3	8	-	-

Infected rooms disinfected No. 19. Method Formalin.

Samples submitted for examination:-

Water	Milk	Sewage Effluents.
-	-	-

Prosecutions, particulars of	-
Food seizures	-
Food voluntarily surrendered	-
Other action taken	-

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Assoc. San. Inst.

Meat Rep